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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is based on information received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during January 1943. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Class of Livestock	Unit	January 1942	December 1942	January 1943
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>				
Cattle	Pounds	977.87	956.02	969.73
Steers 1/	"	1,026.39	990.99	1,011.32
Calves	"	195.85	206.39	192.14
Hogs	"	239.79	248.72	252.08
Sheep and lambs	"	93.57	90.61	91.21
<u>Average yield</u>				
Cattle	Percent	54.24	52.91	54.38
Calves	"	55.52	54.41	55.53
Hogs	"	75.56	74.39	75.98
Sheep and lambs	"	45.76	44.84	45.46
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>				
Cattle	Dollars	10.14	11.42	12.39
Steers 1/	"	11.66	13.87	13.80
Calves	"	11.63	11.97	13.14
Hogs	"	11.13	13.86	14.56
Sheep and lambs	"	11.42	12.61	13.70

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
January 1943 and 1942  
(Reported by Bureau of Animal Industry USDA)

Class of Livestock	Total slaughtered during January		Carcasses condemned during January	
	1943	1942	1943	1942
Cattle	927,500	1,057,159	4,242	6,104
Calves	339,979	440,045	1,924	2,372
Hogs	5,430,909	5,830,613	11,412	14,846
Sheep and lambs	1,724,456	1,610,991	6,529	4,713

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.

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## SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	January 1942	December 1942	January 1943
<u>Cattle</u>				
Stockyards	Percent	77.52	77.08	78.44
Other	"	22.48	22.92	21.56
<u>Calves</u>				
Stockyards	"	62.25	62.94	63.74
Other	"	37.75	37.06	36.26
<u>Hogs</u>				
Stockyards	"	43.98	41.97	45.65
Other	"	56.02	58.03	54.35
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Stockyards	"	59.19	59.55	64.25
Other	"	40.81	40.45	35.75

## CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED

<u>Cattle</u>				
Steers	Percent	49.52	41.38	49.69
Cows and heifers	"	47.14	55.34	46.77
Bulls and stags	"	3.34	3.28	3.54
<u>Hogs</u>				
Sows	"	45.56	46.75	44.39
Barrows	"	53.98	52.32	55.03
Boars and stags	"	0.46	0.93	0.58
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Sheep	"	6.32	18.88	14.99
Lambs and yearlings	"	93.68	81.12	85.01

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